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SUBJECT: PARAGUAY WILL SUPPORT WCO FRAMEWORK OF STANDARDS TO
SECURE AND FACILITATE GLOBAL TRADE

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Econcouns delivered reftel demarche on the World Customs Organization (WCO) Framework of Standards to Secure and Facilitate Global Trade to the Director General of Paraguayan Customs, Margarita Diaz de Vivar. The Director General stated that she would be traveling to Brussels for the June 23-25 sessions and would strongly support the initiative. She emphasized the importance of standards and training. Paraguay's customs service traditionally has been beset by problems of corruption and a lack of professionalism. Diaz de Vivar has been working hard to improve Customs and implement Paraguay's new and modern Customs Code, which took effect in January 2005.

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